

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

- 1     1.     A graphical user interface between a user of a computer service and the computer  
2         service, the graphical user interface comprising:  
3             a list of other users of the computer service selected by the user as significant to the  
4         user; and  
5             an icon associated with one of the other listed users indicating that a communication  
6         has occurred between the user and the other user.
- 1     2.     The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein the computer service includes an  
2         instant messaging computer service and the list reflects presence information for each of  
3         the other users selected by the user as significant to the user.
- 1     3.     The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein the icon is displayed only if the user  
2         selects a representation of the other user in the list of other users.
- 1     4.     The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein the icon indicates that an email  
2         message has been exchanged between the user and the other user.
- 1     5.     The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein the icon indicates that an unread  
2         email message has been exchanged between the user and the other user.
- 1     6.     The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein the icon indicates the number of  
2         unread email messages that have been exchanged between the user and the other user.
- 1     7.     The graphical user interface of claim 5, wherein the icon, when selected by the user,  
2         opens or activates an application to read the email message.
- 1     8.     The graphical user interface of claim 6, wherein the icon, when selected by the user,  
2         opens or activates an application listing multiple email messages exchanged between the  
3         user and the other user.

1     9.     The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein the icon indicates that a calendar  
2         event has been scheduled by another user involving both the user and the other user.

1     10.    The graphical user interface of claim 9, wherein the icon, when selected by the user,  
2         opens or activates an application to view the calendar event.

1     11.    The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein the icon indicates that a voicemail  
2         message has been received by the user from the other user.

1     12.    The graphical user interface of claim 11, wherein the icon, when selected by the user,  
2         opens or activates an application to access information about the voicemail message.

1     13.    The graphical user interface of claim 11, wherein the icon, when selected by the user,  
2         opens or activates an application to listen to the voicemail message.

3     14.    A method comprising:  
4         providing a computer service to a user;  
5         displaying to the user of the computer service a list of other users of the computer  
6         service selected by the user as significant to the user; and  
7         displaying an icon associated with one of the other users in the list indicating that a  
8         communication has occurred between the user and the other user.

1     15.    The method of claim 14, wherein the computer service includes an instant messaging  
2         computer service.

1     16.    The method of claim 14, further comprising displaying the icon when the user scrolls  
2         over a representation of the other user in the list of other users.

1     17.    The method of claim 14, wherein the icon indicates that an email message has been  
2         exchanged between the user and the other user.

1 18. The method of claim 14, wherein the icon indicates that an unread email message has  
2 been exchanged between the user and the other user.

1 19. The method of claim 14, wherein the icon indicates the number of unread email  
2 messages that have been exchanged between the user and the other user.

1 20. The method of claim 17, further comprising displaying the email message in response  
2 the selection of the icon by the user.

1 21. The method of claim 17, further comprising displaying a list of multiple email  
2 messages exchanged between the user and the other user in response the selection of the  
3 icon by the user.

4 22. The method of claim 14, wherein the icon indicates that a calendar event has been  
5 scheduled by another user involving both the user and the other user.

1 23. The method of claim 22, further comprising displaying the calendar event in response  
2 to selection of the icon by the user.

1 24. The method of claim 14, wherein the icon indicates that a voicemail message has  
2 been received by the user from the other user.

1 25. The method of claim 24, further comprising providing information about the  
2 voicemail message in response to selection of the icon by the user.

1 26. The method of claim 25, further comprising playing the voicemail message in  
2 response to selection of the icon by the user.